

Persia Attack Causes Crisis

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had instructed Ambassador Penfield at Vienna to ask the Austrian government for any information which might establish the nationality of the submarine which is said to have sunk the Persia and which would give the facts in the case.

Secretary Lansing also said that some action would be taken to formally notify Turkey and Bulgaria of the attitude of the United States toward submarine warfare so that all the central power belligerents operating in the Mediterranean might not be unfurnished.

TO INSTALL OFFICERS OF BRIDGEPORT AND HARMONY COUNCILS

Bridgeport and Harmony councils, Junior Order of Mechanics, will install the recently elected officers of both councils on Tuesday, January 4, at 8:30 o'clock. The officers are requested to meet in full uniform at 7:30.

District Deputy W. S. Benton of New Haven will perform the ceremony. An entertainment will follow.

A large number of people set out early in January to demonstrate thoroughly to the world that they have made no New Year's resolutions.

LOCOMOBILE CO. DOES NEW WORK FOR THE ALLIES

Big Plant Partly Devoted to Making Parts of Shells For Big Guns.

Orders believed to have come from the allies through London have transformed the Locomobile Co. of America in some departments from an automobile factory into a war munition plant where primers are being manufactured by the million for shrapnel and siege gun shells.

So busy is the plant under orders for daily delivery that the company has had to increase its working shift to three daily in the turning departments where the finely adjusting mechanism for exploding shell on contact are made.

While officials of the company refused today to confirm the reported amount of orders received or the total of daily shipments, it is said on good authority that the initial orders call for delivery of 2,000,000 of the parts in lots of 1,000 daily.

It is said that this work does not in any way interfere with the automobile industry as in the lull between foreign truck orders, the various departments can be put upon this work without any inconvenience.

The parts being manufactured range in size from half an inch in circumference and one inch in length to three inches in circumference and six inches in length. It consists of a hardened steel screw threaded on the exterior and so slotted in its center that a firing pin has easy travel when in flight from the rear of the aperture, to heavy impact against a detonating cap when the shell has struck an object. Through this means the charge of high explosive carried in the conical section of the shell is exploded, throwing fragments of the softer casing in a wide radius.

Man Who Died From Fall on Stairs Is Mysterious Person

The man who died at St. Vincent's hospital from a fractured skull received when he fell down stairs at the Theatre Cafe, at 47-49 Fairfield avenue, has been identified as a man painter, who had lived in the city about a year and a half and was known as "Walter." Associates do not know his surname, where he lived or anything more about him. The body is at Gullinax & Mullins' funeral home, 111 East 12th street, where identification soon will be made.

Great Entertainment Planned By Unquowa Redmen of Fairfield

(Special to The Farmer)
Fairfield, Jan. 3.—Unquowa Tribe, No. 59, I. O. R. M., promises to "paint Fairfield red" Thursday evening. A public installation of officers will be held on that evening and great doings are promised by the members of the lodge. Music and dancing will follow the business session and everything will be given free. Besides, a luncheon will be served to each of the guests.

The tribe now has 117 members. The membership rolls have increased 100 per cent. within a year and many applications have been received. The head of the tribe has been a great help to the lodge and has worked hard to make the entertainments a success. The band will assist at the affair Thursday evening.

The officers elected last Thursday night are: George Munns, sachem; Edward Flanagan, senior sagamore; John Deiter, junior sagamore; John Flanagan, chief of records; Leonard Curran, collector of wampum; John Curran, assistant collector of wampum; Frank Kelly, keeper of wampum; John Deiter, trustee for three years; Jacob Kilian, press representative; E. L. Tariton, first alternate; Harry Henderson, degree captain.

A regular meeting of the D. A. R. will be held at the home of Mrs. E. L. Tariton, Tuesday, Jan. 4, in the afternoon.

OBITUARY

JOHANNA HEALEY
Johanna Healey, of 485 Lindley street one of the oldest and best known residents of the North End, died this morning after a brief illness. Mrs. Healey was a devout member of St. Patrick's church. She is survived by a daughter, Mrs. Mills and two sons, Stephen and Cornelius Healey of this city.

MICHAEL McMAHON.
Michael McMahon died this morning at his home, 1128 Beacon avenue, after a long illness. Mr. McMahon was 50 years of age and had been employed as a tool maker at the Singer Manufacturing Co. for many years. His widow survives him. The body will be taken to Harrington, Pa., in charge of Undertaker H. A. Remington, for interment.

ALPHEUS D. DUTTON.
Alpheus D. Dutton, one of the best known older residents of the city, died yesterday morning at his home, 131 Grant street, in the 74th year of his age. Mr. Dutton was for 25 years connected with the Bridgeport Steamboat Co. and later was identified with the J. H. Ludington & Co., a trucking business, for many years. He has been a semi-invalid for the last 13 or 20 years. Mr. Dutton was born in Livingston, Schoharie county, N. Y. and was one of a family of 13 boys, two of whom survive him. Alpheus and Charles Dutton of Middleburg, N. Y., Mr. Dutton was prominent in Masonic circles. He was a 32nd degree Mason, a member of Hamilton Commandery, Knight Templars, a member of the Mystic Shrine and of Corinthian lodge. Besides his brothers, his widow survives him.

The tramp of heavy feet which one hears about now, is not a regiment of the new Continental army, but merely the Ladies' auxiliary to some secret order rehearsing to exemplify the work.

MOTHER OF BABE ABANDONED HERE FOUND BY POLICE

Detective Traces Woman Through Paper in Child's Wearing Apparel.

Traced through a piece of paper bearing John Wanamaker's name the local police have ascertained and had placed under arrest in Hartford, Esther Peterson, aged 29, a resident of Hartford who is declared to be the mother of the baby abandoned on the doorstep of Mrs. John Johnson, 204 Fifth street on the night of Dec. 3.

The Peterson woman gave birth to the child at the Lying-In hospital, New York, Nov. 17. She is said to have sent immediately to John Wanamaker's store for baby's apparel. In her trip to that place, it is said she left the train at this city and abandoned the child, forgetting to take the paper from the bundle that she left there.

Detective George Simon, who solved the mystery, will leave for Hartford this afternoon where the Peterson woman is being held upon a charge of abandonment. Her story has not been obtained.

INTERNAL REVENUE NOTICES ISSUED TO MANY LOCAL FOLKS

Persons Not Complying With Law Are Liable To Fine and Imprisonment.

Some 2500 notices were sent out from the local Internal Revenue Department this morning to residents of this county reading:

"The Emergency Revenue Law of October 22, 1914, was approved by Congress on December 17, 1915, and the provisions of the law are continuing in force and effect until and including Dec. 31, 1916. The first assessment will be for six months to June 30, 1916, and the second will be from July 1, 1916, to Dec. 31, 1916. You will therefore make and file a return for the first period, January 1, 1916, to June 30, 1916, (six months) at once.

"Respectfully,"

"JAMES J. WALSH, Collector."

Accompanying the notices is form 11-A, to be made in filing the return, all of which must be in the office by January 29.

The special tax applies to brokers, pawnbrokers, commercial brokers, custom house brokers, proprietors of theatres, museums or concert halls, proprietors of circuses, proprietors or agents of public exhibitions not otherwise enumerated, proprietors of bowling alleys, or billiard rooms, commission merchants, dealers in lead, tin, zinc, or other metals, not otherwise provided for, manufacturers of tobacco, manufacturers of cigars and manufacturers of cigarettes.

The extension of the law has also extended the tax on wines and cordials. The Internal Revenue office in this city is the headquarters for Fairfield and about 2500 in this section are said to be affected by the extended law. Failure to pay the tax makes a person liable to the payment of a fine of not more than \$500 or imprisonment for not longer than six months, or both.

Say McBride Took Deed From Mentally Incapable Woman

Accused of taking a deed from a woman mentally incapable of transacting business, John J. McBride of this city, is named as defendant in a suit brought by Theodore Hawley, administrator, of New Canaan; John Conway of Vallejo, Cal., and Alice Mulligan of New Canaan.

Hawley is administrator on the estate of Mary Conway, who died March 23, 1907. It is claimed that the testatrix gave McBride a deed to property worth \$4,000.

The plaintiffs want this property conveyed back to the estate and also ask for \$2,000 damages.

Patrick McGee Head of Holy Name Society

Patrick McGee was elected president of the Holy Name society of St. Patrick's church last evening at the annual election of officers. Other officers elected were: John Maloney, president; Vincent Haggerty, secretary; and John P. Brady, treasurer. The report from the secretary shows that the organization is in a flourishing condition. Rev. John J. Keane, assistant pastor of the church, presided.

A finished discourse upon "The Life of Christ" was delivered at the church by Rev. John McDonald, assistant at St. Michael's, Hartford. A large attendance was recorded.

At St. Mary's church, Rev. John J. Conway delivered a forceful address on "The Holy Name of Jesus" to a large gathering of members of the Holy Name society of the church.

Rev. Thomas P. Mulcahy celebrated vespers. The members of the society marched upstairs in a body from the basement of the church and occupied the two middle aisles. The pledges to abstain from the use of profanity were renewed by the members.

G. P. Potter Starts In Business Today

George P. Potter, of 275 Black Rock avenue, for many years assistant at the undertaking parlors of Henry E. Bishop on Fairfield avenue, started in business for himself today.

Mr. Potter has underletting rooms at 1133 Fairfield avenue and is now prepared for meeting any emergency that may be required. He has had wide experience for 13 years, nine of which was spent with the Bishop firm.

Emperor Wilhelm is still confined to his bed. The Kaiserin is in constant attendance.

Turkey has asked Germany for \$100,000,000 to meet the deficit of the Turkish treasury.

REMINGTON CO. FINDS THOUSAND ROOMS TO RENT

Canvass of City Shows Many Now Willing to Take Their Employes.

The New Year finds Bridgeport compacting its room so that a larger population may be encompassed. Instigated by the welfare of the city and accommodation of the thousands that knock at its doors, has resulted in whole sale "doubling up" of families and the opening of homes never before catering to the public in order that lodgings for worthy families may be offered.

Through the agency of Frank E. Blake and a corps of assistants in the real estate department of the Remington Arms & Ammunition Co., a canvass for "More Rooms" has succeeded in getting a list of nearly 1,500 available rooms for the incoming employes of the company.

It is said that none of the population here has been hit by, but that these rooms have become available through a close and thorough canvass of the city.

Work on the new homes of Remington City has been suspended temporarily because of the weather. It is expected that the first batch of houses, about 25 in number, will be completed within two weeks and that within a month the company will have 40 houses fully equipped and ready for occupancy. Each of these will care for two families, averaging four persons each, or nearly 500 persons.

Forty-two four family houses have been begun in East and Dove streets but have not been above the foundations. During the coming year arrangements for housing of the employes for the big plant will not slacken according to officials.

CORONER ABSOLVES ALL IN KILLING OF HIGGANUM RESIDENT

"No Criminal Negligence" is Finding of Official After Investigation.

That no one was guilty of criminal negligence in the death of Alfred Camp of Higganum here Christmas morning, is the finding made today by Coroner John J. Phelan. Camp was killed when an automobile driven by Arthur Greenhill of Stratford, crashed into a west bound trolley car at Stratford and Connecticut avenues early Christmas morning.

Coroner Phelan finds that the trolley car operated by Motorman Peter Roy was approaching the junction of Connecticut avenue at a speed of about 50 miles an hour, from which he slowed down to about eight miles an hour as he saw the automobile approaching. The coroner finds that Greenhill was driving at about 12 miles an hour, that he did not slow down his speed but attempted to pass in front of the car, believing that the car was to stop to take on passengers.

Motorman Roy says he did stop his car. All other witnesses say the car was going slowly. There was a space of 20 feet or more over which Mr. Greenhill might have driven safely in front of the car but Greenhill, observing that a portion of it was icy determined to take a chance and pass in front of the car, which resulted in the loss of the car.

ARREST LIKELY FOR THOSE WHO FAIL TO GET NEW MARKERS

Little Grace Will Be Given By Police This Year, Says Superintendent.

Automobilists will have little excuse this year for failure to appear on their streets with 1916 markers on their cars. The secretary of state has taken care this year to have all the markers sent out as soon as applied for and the majority have already reached Bridgeport. They have white letters on a white background for rate and license cars, and dark blue letters on a white background for commercial types of vehicles.

Superintendent of Police Eugene Birmingham today said that there would be no necessity for an extension of time to delinquent automobilists or motorcycle drivers. Two days extension of time however, will be granted in this city, after which all cars bearing old licenses will subject their drivers to arrest. Officials say those who have delayed in making application for markers will do well to leave their cars in the garage until properly equipped.

The percentage of the Bridgeport vehicles appeared with new markers today.

BRIEF NEWS NOTES.

Austrian soldiers are reported to be using blinding and asphyxiating gases against the Italians.

Lynchings in the United States during 1915 totaled 69, as recorded at the Tuskegee Institute.

"Tough" Tony Mareno, a long term prisoner at Sing Sing, walked out of prison and escaped.

Jan. 2 was observed as a day of intemperance throughout Great Britain. Prayers for victory were offered in every church and chapel of all creeds.

Every one of the 500 convict trustees released from the North Carolina prison for a three days' Christmas leave, returned to the jail.

Prohibition effective in seven states today, holds sway over 8,000,000 Americans.

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SUPREME COURT JUSTICE LAMAR IS DEAD AT 59

Georgian Was Appointed to Highest Court by President Taft.

Washington, Jan. 3.—Joseph Rucker Lamar, Associate Justice of the Supreme Court, died last night in his home here, after five years' service on the bench. He had failed despite his own confidence and the hopes of his friends, to rally from the effects of a paralytic stroke he experienced early last fall when on his vacation, at White Sulphur Springs.

The stroke, which was due to high blood pressure, apparently affected only his left arm. He was improved when the court reconvened, in October, but was not able to attend, though he had been brought from the Springs in anticipation of resuming his activity on the bench. He was 59 years old.

Right Word, but What Was It?

It had been a hard day, and Mr. K. smoked in silence one cigar after another. Mrs. K. was wondering how long it would be until her husband would say something. Jim is rather quiet for the most part, she will tell you. "I give him more minutes," she asserted mentally, with her usual generosity.

"I'd give a hundred dollars to know," Jim remarked abstractedly.

His wife clasped her hands in delight. Jim never disappointed her.

"What?" she asked.

"Well, you see, it was this way: I was talking over a business deal with the head of the firm, and I got pretty enthusiastic. I guess I must have used some big words. Suddenly the boss' hand came down on the table with a crash. 'You used the right word that time, my boy. That's my idea exactly,' he exclaimed."

"Well?" questioned his wife.

"Nothing, only I'd give a hundred dollars to know what I said."—Indianapolis News.

Three Streets.

In the world known to Baedeker there are only two streets that can compare with Fifth avenue, and these are both on Manhattan Island. From its source in the asphalt bottoms of Washington square to where it loses itself in the cold middens of the Harlem river at One Hundred and Forty-third street the avenue runs a course of almost exactly seven miles. It runs true to the North star, without a turn, with only a single pause, grimly bent on its business in a way calculated to make the dowager metropolises of Europe lift their eyebrows and say, "How American!" Its rivals are Eighth avenue, a half mile to the west, which may be some 900 feet longer, and still further west Fifth and Amsterdam avenues, the titan of all urban highways, nine miles up hill and down, as determined in the primeval blueprint shaped by the city fathers some time about the year 1800. All three streets have character as well as length, but Fifth avenue alone has significance.—Simeon Strunsky in Harper's Magazine.

China's Majestic Altar.

No altar on earth, whether in marble majesty with the Altar of Heaven—Tien Tan—in the south of the Chinese city of Peking, which Emperor Yung Le of the Ming dynasty reared in A. D. 1420 with its triple balustrades, stairs and platforms of pure white marble carved miraculously, its great circle covering a wide area in the midst of a vast inclosure. Standing alone, deserted under the blue Chinese sky, it is a dream of majesty and beauty. As the great setting of a scene of ritual pomp that calls for thousands and thousands of robed celebrants, with music, incense, sacrifice, it is transcendently imposing and impressive. There the emperor knelt once a year and worshipped "the only being in the universe he could look up to"—Shang Ti—the emperor of the world above, whose court was in the sky and the spear tips of whose soldiers were the stars.

Robert Burns' Father.

In boyhood Robert Burns saw his father distressed by landlords and their factors upon rack renting tenant. Upon evil days had agriculture then fallen. Markets were limited and produce inaccessible. The hydra-headed industry, flourishing now upon iron and coal in Ayrshire and Lanarkshire and consuming the produce of the farms, had not then emerged in history.

Although descended from Highland clansmen, William Burns, the poet's father, had outgrown the feudal loyalty which works out as sheer funkyness, accepting the cuffs and kicks of the superior person with the unvaried pride which counts it a distinction even to be kicked by the foot of an aristocrat.

"I have met with few," wrote the poet of his father in the autobiographical letter to Dr. Moore, "who understood men, their manners and their ways equal to him; but stubborn, ungovernable integrity and headlong, ungovernable irresolution are qualifying circumstances; consequently I was born a very poor man's son."

Greek Letter Fraternities.

The first and oldest of any Greek letter fraternity in the United States was the Phi Beta Kappa society, founded at William and Mary college, Virginia, in 1776, from which sprang a chapter at Yale in 1780 and later chapters at other colleges. This was the only Greek letter society in the United States until 1823, when the Kappa Alpha was formed at Union college, New York. Several other college societies were formed during this period, with such names as Phi Gamma Theta, Epsilon Phi, Hermodorian, etc., but these were not Greek letter societies. The first woman's Greek letter fraternity was the Kappa Alpha Theta, founded at De Pauw university in 1870. The record shows it was founded by Bettie Locke, class of '71; Alice Allen, '71; Bettie Tipson, '71, and Hanna Fitch, '73.—Philadelphia Press.

HOWLAND'S

Entrances in Main Street, Fairfield Avenue, and Cannon Street.

Bridgeport, Conn., Forecast: fair and somewhat cold Monday, January 3, 1916 or tonight and Tuesday.

New and attractive home draperies.

Beautiful silk curtains of blue and green and brown are woven in pattern equally beautiful. They have a rich subdued luster; will fit into and add much to the effect of room. And they will not fade from exposure to light!—\$12.

Handsome heavy portieres are of fine cotton; soft and graceful in draping quality. They don't look the least bit like cotton. Instead, their air is all that of silk—for they've been finely mercerised. Solid colors or two-tones in brown green red blue and gold.—\$5.

Couch-covers firmly woven from hard yarn are tapestry both in weave and pattern. How they will wear! Good colors are combined with the good patterns.—\$1.50 to \$6.

Mercerised scrim curtains of nice fine texture and with excellent luster. Finished with lace edge and finely done hemstitching.—\$1.25.

Madras sunfast curtains have delicious cream background upon which are attractive figures in rose or pink or blue. One may seek far without finding anything daintier for use in bedroom.—\$2.50.

Curtain stuffs by the yard

White Scotch madras, a large number of good patterns.—25c.

Mercerised marquisette with drawnwork border.—25c.

Scrim with drawnwork edge, mercerised.—25c.

Muslin in attractive dots and figures.—12½c.

EXTRA—Mercerised scrim and marquisette in white cream and Arabian tints, made with fancy edge and effective drawnwork border.—19c.

Third floor.

Warm and serviceable rugs for motoring.

Wool of splendid quality, and plenty of it, has been woven into these rugs that motorist will find such a comfort.

They are close-woven and firm and of excellent thickness.

They easily wrap closely about one or tuck in over two people.

They turn the edge of the wind just as easily as can be. Dark rich colors; with plaids and plain hues in about equal favor.

\$3.50 to \$12.

Third floor.

Solid rich rugs without a seam—\$19.50.

Rich—because these are Axminster rugs; and few rugs compare with Axminster in richness of looks.

Solid—because woven on special looms as well as from carefully-chosen yarns. These looms make it possible to weave a 9-by-12 foot rug entirely in one piece, without any seam of any sort, and with the pattern carried clearly and perfectly out from edge to edge.

A great big good lot of patterns.

A large range of colors carried out in those patterns.

Rich—and solid—and seamless—and durable.

9 by 12 feet in size,—

\$19.50

Third floor.

Plenteous underwear savings all week!

Simply because the underclothes are prettier and better, we have sold more than ever.

But—we've a lot more to sell—for we were fortunate enough to secure big supply of each of the many pretty things.

Plenty of those graceful gowns and skirts for women of full figure.

Plenty of the pretty nightgowns in white and delicate pink at 89 cents.

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